BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 17, 2021

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mitch Bennett. Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Marci Glover and Kenny Irvin. Board Members Absent: Shane Cockrum, Mark Dyel, and Robin LaBuwi.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Students, and Community Members.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS Leslie Cox addressed the board in support of the fine arts programs. She urged the Board to consider hiring additional staff for the band program.

Brittney Pettit read a letter from Pam Kimball encouraging the board to continue to support the legacy of BCHS fine arts.

Lennie Shelton commented that she believes the staff in the fine arts department are spread too thin.

Lori Buchanan spoke on behalf of the Franklin County Arts Association in cooperation with Pyramid Players Regional Theatre encouraging the board to continue to fully support BCHS fine arts programs.

Delaney Leffler, BCHS Speech Team Representative, addressed the board regarding hiring speech coaches and returning to in person competitions.

Courtney Cox urged the board to hire a band director.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Collective Negotiation Matters

Executive Session – Kenny Irvin made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and Collective Negotiation Matters. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:37 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:38 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – abs, Mark Dyel – abs, Marci Glover - yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – abs, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; and Duane Williams, Community Member.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2021
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2021
5.2 Approve Financial Report (May 2021)
5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (May 2021)
5.4 Review/Approve Final Calendar for 2020-21 School Year (ENCL A)
5.5 Review/Approve Teacher's Schedule/Bell Schedule for 2021-22 SY (ENCL B)
5.6 Review/Approve Western Governors Univ. Student Teaching Agreement (ENCL C)
5.7 Review/Approve Konica Minolta Copier Lease Proposal (ENCL D)
5.8 Review/Approve Republic Services Proposal (ENCL E)

Marci Glover made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion Carried.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following information:

- Project updates
- Gretchen Bennett and her Father, David Cozby performing in the Rose Parade January 1, 2022
- Attorney, Brian Braun fee increase
- Per Capita Tuition for BCHS $11,506.48
- Re-opening Plan for BCHS
- Online Registration

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve Abigail Bennett as the Head Volleyball Coach for the 2021-22 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Sara Hampton as an Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2021-22 school year. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Jennie Gibbs as the National Honor Society sponsor for the 2021-22 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Linda Smith as the Student Chamber sponsor for the 2021-22 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Victoria Jackson as the 21st Century Site Coordinator for the 2021-22 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the letter of resignation from Victoria Jackson as a teacher's aide. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Review/Approve Fees for the 2021-22 School Year Kenny Irvin made a motion to waive book rental and parking fees for the 2021-22 school year but increase the activity fee to $10 to help alleviate fund raising for classes. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Kenny Irvin made a motion to authorize the administration to post any positions that come open prior to the July 2021 board meeting. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve Maintenance Truck Bid Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the bid from Weeks in Benton for a maintenance truck as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with BEA Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve a 5-year agreement with the BEA as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – abstain. Motion Carried.

9.6 Review/Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with School Service Union Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve a 5-year agreement with the Service Employee Union as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – abstain. Motion Carried.

9.7 Review/Approve Bookkeeper/Treasurer Salary Proposal Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Bookkeeper/Treasurer salary proposal as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.8 Review/Approve Surplus Property Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the surplus property as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

11. ADJOURNMENT Kenny Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 P.M. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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BOARD PRESIDENT **BOARD SECRETARY**